

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BISHOP of Michigan). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

RESTORATION OF THE U.S. CAPITOL DOME

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to draw attention to the excellent work that the Architect of the Capitol has been doing in repairing and restoring the dome of our Capitol Building. I was recently briefed with an update on the progress they are making about halfway through the project. I am very impressed so far with the work.

Starting last June, they installed 52 miles worth of scaffolding at 25 layers around the dome. It only touches the dome at three areas so that the weight-bearing structures do not affect and damage the dome.

I am glad to know, also, that part of the repair devices come from California. In order to repair the cracks that they have in the iron structure that happens over the years, a company from Turlock, California, devised a drill and self-tapping mechanism here that requires no welding, no cornices, none of the complications you get with cast iron, therefore making repair of the dome effective and very good for the long term.

They have removed 12 layers of paint and will put on three new good layers to make the dome gleam. We have some really excellent folks, 100 people in construction at any one time, helping to make our dome gleam. That is something we can all be proud of in our country, which is what I think this Capitol symbolizes: the greatness of the United States of America.

So my hat is off to the great work of the Architect of the Capitol in restoring our dome.

REMEMBERING PHILIP SCHOLZ

(Mr. SWALWELL of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember and honor Philip Scholz of Pleasanton, California, who died last year saving another person from an oncoming train.

In January 2014, Philip saw someone on the Caltrain commuter tracks. He reached out to try and help save this person. Both were tragically struck by the train, and while the other man suffered injuries, he survived, and we lost Philip.

Originally from Washington State, Phil attended college in the bay area at Santa Clara University. At the time of his death, he and his wife had lived in Pleasanton, my Congressional district, for over 10 years.

Phil was not just a hero for the way that he saved this man's life; that is how he lived every day. Phil loved to hike, play organized sports, and rescue animals. He was also a regular blood donor and constantly put others before himself.

His wife and friends have honored his memory by creating the Philip Scholz Memorial Foundation to support the interests and causes in which Phil believed, such as donating to the Valley Humane Society of Pleasanton.

Earlier this year, Phil was posthumously awarded the Carnegie Medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, given to recognize those who have risked their lives to save others, and given to fewer than 10,000 people since 1904.

Both the memorial foundation and this award are fitting tributes for such a courageous man. Hopefully, they serve to remind us of Phil's example and inspire others as well.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ANDRE IGUODALA

(Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Andre Iguodala, an Illinois native who was named the Most Valuable Player while playing for the Golden State Warriors in the 2015 NBA Championship series.

Mr. Iguodala's basketball career began in Illinois' 13th District. As a student at Lanphier High School in Springfield, Andre led his team to the State championship game in his senior year and went on to play for the University of Arizona. After graduation, Andre began his professional basketball career in the NBA.

Before his appearance this year in the NBA Finals, Andre proudly represented America as a member of the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team in London. He contributed to the team's efforts that ultimately earned them a Gold Medal.

This year, Andre proved to be an important contributor to the Warriors' 2015 NBA Finals success. He was a crucial part in helping to earn the team the NBA championship title, and he was awarded the MVP award with a resounding vote of 7-4.

I am proud to recognize Andre Iguodala and his many accomplishments and his dedication to basketball from his time as a youth in Springfield, Illinois, until now.

Congratulations, Andre. Congratulations to all the Warriors fans. And congratulations to those in Springfield who continue to look up to you every single day.

THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

(Ms. FUDGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, 730 days; 17,520 hours; 1,051,200 minutes; 2 full years since the Supreme Court ruled section 4 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 unconstitutional; 2 full years without voter protections and full access to the ballot box.

Since the ruling, many Americans in States like Ohio have been subjected to restrictive voter registration requirements, paying costly fees for State IDs or waiting in line for hours on election day.

Legislation to restore the VRA and strengthen the right to vote have been offered, but the majority has refused to take them up. It is clear Congress has dropped the ball.

Two years without the full protection of the Voting Rights Act is too long. The clock is ticking. It is time to restore the VRA.

WE NEED A COMMONSENSE SOLUTION

(Mr. LIPINSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, Americans are appalled by the murder of Kate Steinle by a man who had been deported five times and was wanted by ICE but was let free.

In Chicago, Denny McCain was killed by a drunk driver who had a prior felony and who was in our country illegally. ICE issued a detainer, but the defendant was let out on bail and disappeared.

Donald Trump is wrong. Most immigrants to America are upstanding people who come to our country to work hard, but policies that permit these travesties should be stopped.

Unfortunately, we are not being offered a commonsense solution. We are offered the polarizing choices that we either do nothing or we harm the very institutions and citizens we are trying to protect.

What we need to do is stop local policies that ignore ICE detainers and let criminals go who are in our country illegally. I know this commonsense solution will anger people on both sides, but ask local police. They want to focus on those who have committed crimes in their communities. It is just common sense.

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REMEMBERING FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE JIM WRIGHT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. VEASEY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.